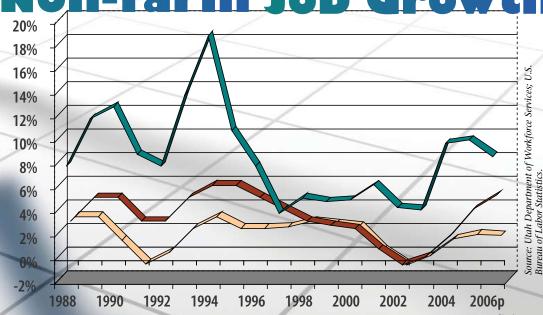
Washington County

ashington County—in recent years those two words have become almost synonymous with rapid growth. Rightly so. The county has consistently ranked among the fastest growing counties in Utah for years. Now, Utah's Dixie is getting national attention. Recent press releases from U.S. data-gathering agencies often mention the St. George, UT metropolitan statistical area (Washington County). Why all the attention now? The county's recent designation as a metropolitan statistical area (MSA) includes it in many new data-collection programs. Utah now shares its knowledge of Washington County's hot economy with the rest of the nation.

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- •In November 2006, the Bureau of Labor Statistics ranked the St. George, UT Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) second for job growth (behind only hurricane-rayaged New Orleans).
- The Census Bureau ranked the St. George, UT MSA population as the second-fastest growing in the nation for 2004-2005.
- •In September, the Federal Office of Housing Oversight ranked the St. George MSA ninth for home-price appreciation in the U.S.
- •The St. George, UT MSA had the 10th lowest 2004 per capita personal income among U.S. metropolitan areas.

Non-farm Job Growth



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